

Application No. 10/638,396

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Official Action mailed on March 22, 2005. This response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The drawings stand objected under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for not showing certain claimed features. A new drawing Fig. 4 is submitted herewith with the claimed features and no new matter has been introduced.

Claims 1 and 4 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph for lacking antecedence. These claims have been amended to overcome this rejection. Applicant respectfully wishes to point out that the necessary steps for modifying the existing (first) IOL are indeed specified on page 2, third paragraph of detail description: "Mounting hole 30 may be formed by any convenient method, such as but not limited to, laser cutting or with a knife or scalpel."

Claims 1-5 and 7 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Lipshitz et al. (US Patent 5814103).

Claims 2, 3 and 5-7 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Gross et al. (EP 897 702).

Claims 1-2 have been amended to limit the IOLs to non-telescopic IOLs. The cited art only teaches telescopic IOLs and none of the prior art has contemplated non-telescopic IOLs. Accordingly it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-8 are in a condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,
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